

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
October 3, 2016

LAST WEEK: SEPTEMBER 26- SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

CAFO with State of Hawaii on Cesspools: We filed a Consent Agreement and Final Order with the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, resolving violations under the Safe Drinking Water Act for failure to close six large capacity cesspools. The CAFO requires DLNR to pay a \$50,000 civil penalty and implement a Supplemental Environmental Project by converting seven small capacity cesspools at various state parks and recreation areas into septic systems. (Garnett x2-3046)

Proposed RCRA Permit for Evoqua Water Technologies, Parker AZ: We issued a proposed RCRA permit for the Evoqua carbon regeneration facility located on tribal trust lands of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. The facility has been operating under interim status regulations since the mid-1990s. Facility-wide practically enforceable emission limits, in conjunction with the monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting required by the proposed permit, are sufficient to limit the facility's emissions below the CAA title V major source threshold. If the RCRA permit is issued, the facility would not be required to obtain a separate title V permit. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)** A public meeting and hearing will be held on November 1. The public comment period is open until November 15. (Zabaneh, x2-3348)

Border 2020 Binational Symposium in Mexicali, Baja CA: We convened a binational environmental health symposium in Mexicali, Baja California focused on vector-borne disease, including Zika virus, in collaboration with CDC and its Mexican counterpart CENAPRECE, and others. The event was covered by binational media outlets. Over 260 people attended. Session topics included prevention measures to combat Zika, integrated pest management, and adaptation to the spread of vectors due to climate change. (Bauer x5-4787)

New River Cleanup Press Event: We held a press event showing advances of the Sonoran Institute Mexicali Drain cleanup project. The project mitigates trash impacting the New River and reduces risks from spread of vector-borne diseases. The project is being funded through \$100K of Border 2020 funds and \$200K from CalEPA. (Pimentel x2-3326)

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(Felix x7-4141)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

404(q) Coordination with San Francisco Corps District on Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program
Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Siu x2-3983)

Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site: On September 28 we signed an Action Memo for a time-critical removal action at the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site in Maywood, CA. We are taking action to address contaminated ash and soil on the industrial property. We briefed staff from the offices of local, state and federal elected officials, to update them on our cleanup plans (Supervisor Hildy Solis - LA County; California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, 40th Congressional District). We also invite LA County Department of Public Health, LA County Fire Health Hazardous Materials Division, California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, California Environmental Protection Agency and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

San Joaquin Valley (SJV) – Proposed Winery Permits:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Yannayon x2-3534)

CAFO on 112(r) with Eco Services Operations Corporation: We signed a Consent Agreement/Final Order with Eco Services Operations Corp. (formerly Solvay USA) settling penalty claims for past violations of General Duty Clause (CAA §112r1) and CERCLA §103 release notification requirements at its facility in Carson, CA. The facility had a release of over 65,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) in November 2013. We conducted a follow-up inspection in February 2014. Respondent has agreed to pay a cash penalty of \$106,000 in settlement of the matter. (Johnstone x2-3499)

CAFO on 122(r) with Titanium Metals Corporation: We signed a Consent Agreement/Final Order with Titanium Metals Corp. (TIMET) settling penalty claims for past violations of Risk Management Program and General Duty Clause (CAA §112r) and also CERCLA §103 and EPCRA §304 release notification requirements at its facility in Henderson, NV. The facility had a release of 166 pounds of chlorine in March 2012. We conducted a follow-up inspection in March 2015. Respondent has agreed to pay a cash penalty of \$500,000 in settlement of the matter, and has also agreed to certain other conditions of settlement intended to improve the safety culture at the facility. (Johnstone x2-3499)

THIS WEEK: October 3 – October 7, 2016

Red Hill Meetings in Honolulu: We will meet with Hawaii DOH, the Navy, and external stakeholders to discuss various issues related to the Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). We will also attend the State's Red Hill Task Force Meeting, followed by a public information meeting in the evening. On October 7, in conjunction with HDOH, we will meet with various local, state and federal elected officials, including Senator Hirono's staff, to brief them on progress implementing the AOC. (Pallarino x7-4128)

NEXT WEEK: October 10 – October 14, 2016

Coachella Ozone Attainment Plan:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Kelly x2-3856).

Imperial Valley Attainment Plan for the PM_{2.5} Standard:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Vagenas x2-3964)

Arizona Cement Plants Regional Haze Reconsideration:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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